December 15, 2011

Charles Terreni, Chief Clerk South Carolina Public Service Commission Suite 100 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

RE:

Easton Telecom Services, Inc.
South Carolina Bond Requirement

26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607 (Supp. 2011)

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The South Carolina Public Service Commission ("SC PSC") established new bond requirements in 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607 (Supp. 2011), issued on June 24, 2011, applicable to all telephone utilities that provide retail residential local exchange service that have not invested at least five million dollars in telecommunications facilities in South Carolina will be required to file a bond or other security mechanism with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSC").

Easton Telecom Services, Inc. is currently authorized in South Carolina to provide Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunication Services. Easton Telecom Services, Inc. currently provides retail business local service and is not providing residential local exchange service. Therefore, Easton Telecom Services, Inc. is exempt from this bond requirement.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns relating to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Patrick D. Grocker

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cc: South Carolina Office of the Regulatory Staff